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THE NEGRO CONVENTION Of The Creek Nation

Muskogee Sept. 26, 1907.—The Negro Convention for the Creek Nation convened at ten o'clock a. m. and was called to order by W. H. Twine.

A temporary organization was formed through the selection of W. H. Twine as chairman and L. A. Bell as secretary. The temporary organization was made permanent. After considerable discussion the following committees were appointed:

On resolutions: A. V. Jones, Capt. George Robinson, P. A. Lewis, J. A. Roper, W. Rentie. Committee on delegates: E. D. Nickens, P. A. Lewis, Steve Grayson, P. B. Hudson, L. A. Bell. Committee on finance: Jake Simmons, Haskell, H. C. Reed, Lee; Wm. James, Chase; J. H. Stevens, Beggs, S. L. James, Sapulpa; L. E. Willis, L. L. McShann, Tullahasse; Geo. Wade, Wylark; Dr. Evans, Ft. Gibson; Dr. Smith, Clarksville; P. B. Hudson, Alex. Ferryman, Galesville; J. H. Reeves, Rentie; J. E. Thompson, Clearview; Mose Grayson, Henryetta; Frank Haygood, Sharp; R. J. Chatman, Bald Hill; Rev. N. A. Robinson, F. P. Brinson, Rentiesville; J. H. Lewis, Porter; E. L. Barber, Red Bird; John Simmons, L. A. House, Co veta; O. W. Gurley, Tulsa; W. Watson, Grayson; J. F. Davis, J. Fonville, Rex; O. W. Bradley, Henry Taylor, F. M. Haynes, Boley; M. C. Perry, Lone Landrum, Checotah; J. N. Jackson, G. P. Phillips, Eufaula; Wm. Vann, Newby; Frank Knolls, Bristow; Noah Alberty, A. R. Penn, Lonetia or Wagoner post office; J. A. Roper, Steve Grayson, Okmulgee; Felix Driver, W. B. Riley, Faff; John D. Phelps, W. D. Huggins, Wagoner; P. A. Lewis, Inola; L. E. Nero, Broken Arrow; Morris J. Sango, J. H. Smith, J. T. Trimble, L. W. Sango, L. F. Fue, Muskogee.

The Committee on resolu

Dr. Batty of Haskell refused to serve on the finance committee and refused to say whether or not he was in sympathy with the movement. Negroes at his home will of course remember this. "Those not for us are against us."



Hon. S. D. Russel,
Leader of the Black battle line in recent Campaign.

tions reported ringing resolutions which will appear next week. After the resolutions had been adopted the Committee on delegation made a report of the selection of the following named delegates:

W. H. Twine, J. A. Roper, H. C. Reed, J. H. Lewis, W. A. Rentie, L. A. Bell, A. V. Jones, A. G. W. Sango, Mose Grayson, John Simmons and also ten alternates.

J. W. Sippes was elected treasurer of the Financial committee which was ordered to report collections to the Secretary and Treasurer.

After many good speeches, and some routine work the Convention adjourned subject to the call of the Chairman.

The entire Creek Nation was represented and there were visitors from other Nations present. It was a convention of the common people.

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tal. This sudden change very naturally created the suspicion in the minds of the Colored people that something was wrong so they offered to send an escort along with Vandiver which offer he accepted, remarking that he would not object if a dozen went. However, only five went; one white and four Colored Republicans.

Vandiver, and Hood both election judges, carried the ballot box to Wrights hotel in Checotah and then both of them left the box at different times, presumably to see J. B. Lucas the Democratic committeeman, thus leaving the ballot box in the hotel near which the five escorts were stationed. After sometime the faithful guardians seeing signs of discontent among the rough element, concluded to leave. Just as they were leaving, George Odom, Democratic City Marshall appeared on the scene and with a volley of profanity that would shame the devil himself, flourished his revolver and threatened the lives of the five men. Adams threw up his hands as he was commanded and was shot dead on the spot; the white man, Mr. Thomas was brutally beaten over the head with a six shooter by Odom and would have been killed but for the interference of a sober citizen who discovered that Thomas was a Mason.

Did these judges when they went to see Lucas, plot to have the men from Rentiesville murdered? Did they desire to steal the box because it came from a Colored community and was therefore overwhelmingly Republican? After the murder of Adams, Odom was arrested by Frank Jones, Deputy United States Marshall and carried to jail.

This killing was a cold blooded murder done for political reason and the excuse of drunkenness on the part of the officer should not stay the execution of the murderer. Our earnest hope is that the officers of the law will see that the murderer receives the full punishment which the law prescribes for such red-handed deeds.

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MURDER MOST FOUL. POLITICAL VAMPIRES Bathe In Human Blood.

Mr. Editor kindly publish the true story of the murder of J. C. Adams; it is as follows:

On the evening of September 17, after the polls had closed in our beautiful little city, it was suggested by Mr. Vandiver, one of the election judges, that he had better take the ballot box to Eufaula, the county site of McIntosh county. All agreed to this suggestion but afterwards this judge got in communication with J. B. Lucas of Checotah and decided that he would carry the box to Checo